

**Summary of the Minutes of  
the 6th Meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (2012 Session)**

The 6th meeting of the Sha Tin District Council (the STDC) (2012 session) was held on 19 July 2012. The major issues discussed are summarised below:

**Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 24 May 2012**

2. The minutes of the above meeting were confirmed without amendment.

**Visit of Director of Drainage Services (the DDS)**

3. The DDS briefed the members on the work of the Drainage Services Department (the DSD).
4. In response to the concern over the odour problem of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works, the DDS said that because of the open air design, discharge of odour was not easy to control, and various measures had been adopted to ameliorate the problem. He believed that the situation would be improved after relocation to enclosed caverns, and quoted Stanley Sewage Treatment Works, which had similar facilities, as an example. He said that the feasibility study would cover ways of reducing nuisance caused to the public during relocation.
5. In response to the concern over the odour problem of Shing Mun River, the DDS explained that during the ebb and flow of the tides, sludge might be amassed at the curved section of the river near Man Lai Court. He said that the DSD could mitigate the odour by clearing the sludge more frequently.
6. Regarding the suggestion of mitigating odour nuisance by cultivating scented plants along the shores of Shing Mun River, the DDS believed that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department would follow up on the issue.
7. Regarding the small-scale study on mitigation of river odour conducted by an academic institution, the DDS said that the DSD would find out if the study result was applicable to Shing Mun River.
8. In response to the concern over contamination of Shing Mun River by sewage discharged via storm water drains, the DDS said that sewage was a source of odour nuisance, and the Environmental Protection Department (the EPD) had distributed leaflets to public to alert them not to dispose sewage water to the storm water drain and public should not try to connect the sewer to storm water drain.

9. In response to the concern over the railings of Shing Mun River near Mei Lam Estate, the DDS said that some of the ragged railings had been replaced. For railings that were not managed by the DSD, he would coordinate with the departments concerned.
10. Regarding the effect of rain water and back flow of sea water on the pedestrian subways along Shing Mun River, the DDS said that the Highways Department had been conducting improvement works for the subways. As for the suggestion of raising the kerb or building an embankment, he said that the feasibility had to be explored.
11. In response to the concern over the green colour on the surface of Shing Mun River, the DDS said that investigation by the EPD was in progress.
12. In response to the concern over the water quality of Wu Kai Sha pier, the DDS clarified that there were no sewers in Wu Kai Sha but there were storm water drains built at various spots. He assured the members that the DSD would keep close contact with the EPD in monitoring the water quality of the Sha Tin District.
13. The DDS thanked the members for their comments and suggestions for conducting public consultation. He assured the members that the DSD would enhance communication with the public by conducting more in-depth consultation exercises.
14. In response to the concern over the Sha Tin village sewerage programme, the DDS informed the meeting that public sewerage had been provided to 39 villages, and sewerage works for 13 villages were in progress. He said that the sewerage network would be extended to all village houses within a sewered area where feasible depending on environmental factors. He added that the EPD was conducting follow-up study for 28 village areas.
15. In response to the comments on the drainage works at Hin Keng Street, the DDS explained that the public was given short notice because of the urgency to expand the sewerage network. He assured the members that the DSD would review the transport arrangements with relevant departments.
16. Having no information at hand, the DDS said that he would follow up on the sewage problem in the Lok King Street area near Royal Ascot after the meeting.
17. In response to the suggestion of raising the riverbank to cope with the flow of the tides, the DDS said that because of the complexity of such project, a detailed study would be necessary.
18. The DDS noted the members' concern over the Legislative Council paper regarding the feasibility study for relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Nu Po Shan.

## **STDC Matters**

### **Funding Application for Sha Tin Festive Lighting**

19. The funding application in the amount of \$1,070,000 for “2012/2013 Sha Tin Festive Lighting – Installation and Demolition of Lighting” was endorsed by the Council unanimously. Special approval was given for the completion of the programme after 10 February 2013.

### **Funding Application of Working Group on Mid-Autumn Festival**

20. The funding application in the amount of \$1,300,000 for Mid-Autumn Festival Variety Show was endorsed by the Council unanimously.

### **Updated Member Lists of Committees under the STDC**

21. The paper was endorsed by the Council unanimously.

### **Reports of Committees**

22. The Council noted the reports of the District Facilities Management Committee, the Culture, Sports and Community Development Committee, the Education and Welfare Committee, the Development and Housing Committee, the Traffic and Transport Committee, the Health and Environment Committee, and the Finance and General Affairs Committee.

### **Financial Account of the STDC as at 10 July 2012**

23. The Council noted the paper.

### **Report of the District Management Committee**

24. The Council noted the report.

### **Sha Tin Crime Report for the First Half of 2012**

25. The Council noted the report.

26. A member enquired about the offences committed by mainland tourists. Representative of the Hong Kong Police Force replied that tourists arrested were mainly involved in shop theft, miscellaneous theft and pickpocketing. He said that the police were taking action to combat the rising number of theft cases.

### **Advisory Panel on Sha Tin Affairs – Representative of the STDC**

27. Mr CHENG Cho-kwong and Mr LAW Kwong-keung were elected unopposed as the two STDC representatives sitting on the Kitchee Foundation Limited's Advisory Panel on Sha Tin Affairs.

### **STDC Invited to be Supporter of Events**

28. The Council unanimously endorsed the acceptance of invitation to be supporter of "Partnering into the Future - VTC 30th Anniversary Walkathon" and "New World Cycling Charity Championship 2012".

### **Sha Tin Sports Association Continuing to Represent Sha Tin District in the Coordination of Local Soccer Matches**

29. The Chairman explained that confirmation of the Sha Tin Sports Association's eligibility for representing the Sha Tin District had to be obtained from the new STDC.

30. The Council unanimously confirmed that the Sha Tin Sports Association would continue to coordinate local soccer matches.

### **HSBC Community Partnership Programme**

31. The Chairman said that the Home Affairs Department was one of the programme partners. He urged the members to encourage appropriate organisations to participate in this programme.

### **The STDC Dragon Boat Team Winning a Prize**

32. The Chairman said that the STDC dragon boat team won the third prize at the TVB mixed championship. He thanked all team members for their efforts.

### **Next Meeting**

33. The next meeting would be held at 2:30 p.m. on 27 September 2012.